

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

EDWARD VAN HORN, #49115-019,

Plaintiff,

v.

JAMES WALTON, et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-11880

DISTRICT JUDGE GEORGE CARAM STEEH

MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARK A. RANDON

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE

The plaintiff, who is proceeding *pro se*, has filed a motion for appointment of counsel. "[A]ppointment of counsel in a civil case is . . . a matter within the discretion of the court. It is a privilege and not a right." *Childs v. Pellegrin*, 822 F.2d 1382, 1384 (6th Cir. 1987)(quoting *United States v. Madden*, 352 F.2d 792, 793 (9th Cir. 1965)); see also *Hoggard v. Purkett*, 29 F.3d 469, 471 (8th cir. 1994) ("In exercising its discretion, the district court should consider the legal complexity of the case, the factual complexity of the case, and the [plaintiff's] ability to investigate and present his claims, along with any other relevant factors.")

In this case, the interests of justice do not require appointment of counsel at this time. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

s/Mark A. Randon

MARK A. RANDON

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: June 15, 2012

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s/Melody R. Miles
Case Manager to Magistrate Judge Mark A. Randon